

July 24, 2019

Freddy Martinez
Via: Muck Rock News
Dept. MR 76819
411A Highland Avenue
Somerville MA 02144-2516

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request by Freddy Martinez for any communication regarding the potential implementation of facial recognition software, including any unsolicited proposals or marketing materials received from companies by the police department.

Our file number 2019-0790

Dear Mr. Martinez:

This will acknowledge receipt of your request under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to inspect and copy the public records referenced above.

Norfolk Police Department, per its Technology Support unit, advises it "has not investigated facial recognition products, nor have we received any unsolicited proposals or marking materials from vendors."

However, NPD has approximately 3,600 emails that include the key words "facial recognition."

The police department's technology support unit does not seek to implement facial recognition software at this time; therefore, any unsolicited emails we received would not be addressed.

If you wish to receive these records, it has been estimated that the cost to retrieve and review these emails is at least **\$589.60**. Please be advised that this estimate does not include any additional staff time needed to determine whether other records might be responsive to your request.

Public Information Officer @ \$29.48 x 20 hours= \$589.60

If you wish to proceed, we will require payment in advance. In accordance with Virginia Code Section 2.2-3704 (H), please send a check or money order in the amount of \$589.60 in order for us to complete your request. Check or money order can be made payable to the City of Norfolk and sent to:

City of Norfolk
Office of Marketing and Communications
810 Union St., Suite 409
Norfolk, VA 23510

I will be happy to discuss narrowing the search with you. Please let me know how you would like us to proceed.

Sincerely,

Heather D. Tierney

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Public information specialist